



**RENEWAL OF A PROGRAM SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR A
STUDENT EXCHANGE**

Between

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BY AND ON**

**BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS AND ITS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND
SCIENCES, ATLANTA, U.S.A.**

And

**EM STRASBOURG BUSINESS SCHOOL, UNIVERSITÉ DE STRASBOURG,
STRASBOURG, FRANCE**

In furtherance of the existing relationship established in 2010, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its College of Arts and Sciences, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America ("Georgia State") and EM Strasbourg Business School, Université de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France ("EM Strasbourg") agree to renew a student exchange in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("Agreement").

Georgia State and EM Strasbourg hereby agree to the following:

1. Description of Program

This Agreement renews a student exchange program at the partner institution ("Exchange Program"). The program enables students working towards a degree at one institution to take classes for transfer credit at the other institution.

For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Home University" shall mean the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate, and "Host University" shall mean the institution that has agreed to receive students from the Home University for a period of study.

2. Term and Academic Years

This Agreement becomes effective on the date it is duly signed by representatives of both institutions. The term of the Agreement shall commence on the effective date and shall be in effect for five (5) years, unless earlier terminated by either party pursuant to Section 15 below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the term of this Agreement shall not extend beyond one academic year if Georgia State or EM Strasbourg assume any financial obligations by entering into this Agreement and, in no event shall the term of this Agreement extend beyond five (5) academic years. This Agreement may be renewed for additional academic years or five (5) year renewal terms, as applicable, upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

This International cooperation agreement has been drawn up in four (4) original copies, two (2) in French and two (2) in English, both texts being equally authentic.

The academic year at Georgia State consists of two regular semesters: the Fall semester begins in August and ends in mid-December and the Spring semester begins in January and runs into May. In addition, there is an abbreviated Maymester, Summer semester, and Summer Institute. Students from EM Strasbourg may participate during any semester.

The academic year at EM Strasbourg consists of two semesters: the Fall semester begins at the beginning of September and finishes mid-December and the Spring semester begins at the beginning of January and ends mid-April. Students from Georgia State taking classes at EM Strasbourg may participate during any semester.

3. Number of Students

Starting in Fall semester 2019 and continuing for each year during the term of this Agreement, the two institutions will exchange students on a one-for-one basis, according to credit hours. However, in order to correct an imbalance from the previous contract term in which EM Strasbourg sent one more student to Georgia State than Georgia State sent to EM Strasbourg, Georgia State will send one extra semester space student to EM Strasbourg in the 2019/2020 academic year. Each academic year, the institutions will allocate semester spaces for the partner's full-time exchange students. If an institution sends a student for the academic year, this counts for two semesters of that year's total. *(Note: In general, the exchange should be undergraduate students for undergraduate students or graduate students for graduate students.)*

Both parties will endeavor to maintain an evenly balanced exchange during the term of this Agreement. However, if conditions exist which render such equity impossible during a particular semester, such imbalance shall be corrected in the subsequent available semester to restore balance. In no event shall an imbalance in the exchange be carried forward beyond one semester, nor should students currently enrolled in the program be removed to restore balance. The exchange balance will be monitored annually throughout the term of this Agreement by both institutions. Either party to this Agreement may refuse admission to the additional incoming students until the exchange balance is restored. Georgia State will ensure that the number of students it receives from Sciences Po Strasbourg (formerly Institute of Political Studies) and EM Strasbourg will not exceed the number of students it sends to both institutions.

4. Units Involved in Exchange Program

Participants in the program will be drawn from College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia State, and at EM Strasbourg at the discretion of both parties.

Exchange students enrolled at Georgia State may take coursework in College of Arts and Sciences.

Both parties shall exchange all relevant information about the courses offered in their respective universities before the application phase. They shall establish, by mutual agreement, a provisional learning agreement with each candidate applying in this exchange program.

Upon arrival in the host institution, the student will contact the academic advisor of the host University, in order to confirm his/her choice of course. In the case of modifications of the study program or schedule conflicts, the academic advisor of the host University shall inform its counterpart in the home University, so that in the two weeks following the beginning of the course, they have to come to a final learning agreement with the student. The final learning agreement, duly signed by both partners' academic advisors, is communicated to the Exchange Program coordinators of the two institutions.

5. Requirements for Participation

Exchange students from Georgia State shall have completed at least two (2) years of studies when entering EM Strasbourg.

Exchange students from EM Strasbourg shall have completed at least three (3) years of studies when registering at Georgia State.

Students who wish to participate in the Exchange Program will be screened for eligibility for admission by the Home University, which shall respect the admission requirements and enrollment constraints of the Host University. Students will be required to comply with the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment restrictions of the Host University in the selection of courses, including requirements of language proficiency and health documentation.

Students must be proficient in the language of instruction for courses being taken at the Host University in order to participate. At Georgia State, the language of instruction is English, and at EM Strasbourg the language of instruction is English or French. Students from EM Strasbourg will be required to submit TOEFL English language proficiency test scores appropriate for admission (a minimum TOEFL CBT score of 250 and a score of 5 on the TOEFL essay, or minimum composite iBT score of 80, with a Writing score of at least 22), however at the discretion of the Program Director, students from EM Strasbourg may submit the Georgia State English Language Proficiency Form in place of TOEFL scores. For students from Georgia State coming to EM Strasbourg Business School, a minimum B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in the language of instruction (English or French) is required for non-native English or French speaking students participating in the Exchange Program. No French language prerequisite is required for students taking only courses taught in English. These language requirements apply only to the students and not to their spouses and/or dependents. Each Host University shall have final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its courses.

6. Academic Counseling, Credits and Reports

The school, department or unit involved in this Agreement at each Home University will provide academic counseling to its own students to ensure that the courses taken at the Host University are acceptable with respect to its own degree programs. The Host University will supply the Home University with course descriptions and other pertinent materials/non-confidential information to assist in determining course equivalency. Students will carry a normal load of classes appropriate to full-time status at the home and/or host institution(s).

The exchange students must pursue the approved course of study for the agreed period. Course work undertaken by visiting students should be recognized as contributing to degree requirements at the Home University, but this remains at the discretion of the Home

University. Georgia State students will receive transfer credits under this Agreement. At the end of each semester or academic term, students will follow appropriate procedures at the Host University to ensure academic records/transcript from the Host University are sent to the Home University.

Exchange students shall continue to be candidates for a degree in their Home University and shall not request a degree in the Host University.

7. Student Responsibilities and Expenses

1. Students participating in this exchange program must register and pay registration fees at their home university. They are exempt from paying registration fees in the host university, where they will be registered as international exchange students.
2. With the assistance of the Host University, obtaining the proper visas and other documents required by the government of the Host University, including any guarantee that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses;
3. The costs of food, housing, international and local transportation, books, fees for class materials, and other educational and personal expenses;
4. When provided by the Host University, payment of housing and board costs to the Host University by the published deadlines;
5. Purchasing the required health/hospitalization/liability insurance, including a repatriation and medical evacuation plan, for the time period of their involvement in the Exchange Program in order to meet governmental regulations, as well as the regulations of the Host and Home Universities, as set forth in Section 9 below;
6. Submitting any health or immunization records required by Host University;
7. Abiding by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other students at the Host University;
8. In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), requesting official transcripts to be sent by the Home University to the Host University; and
9. Providing the appropriate exchange coordinator/director at the Host University emergency contact information.

8. Visa Requirements

Each Host University will provide the necessary documentation (e.g., official letters of admission, immigration documents) for exchange students to obtain a visa to enter and study in the host country. This documentation enables the Home University to sponsor the students as part of this Agreement but does not commit the institution to any financial sponsorship. In order to produce this documentation, they will rely on the Home University communicating student information four to five months before the start of the Exchange Program. It is each student's responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa, as required by the host country. Exchange students coming to Georgia State are required to obtain a J-1 visa, and therefore must provide documentation of sufficient financial resources needed to study in the U.S. Forms and detailed information about this process will be provided by Georgia State's International Student & Scholar Services.

9. Insurance Requirements

Personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance, including a repatriation and medical evacuation plan, as well as liability coverage, is required for all students participating in this Exchange Program. Students who already have insurance must submit proof of such coverage to the Host University for approval before departing from their home countries. The Host University will assist students in identifying available insurance options designed for international students, if necessary. Students from EM Strasbourg who do not have appropriate insurance must obtain Georgia State's international students' insurance policy. Students from Georgia State must obtain Georgia State's mandatory study abroad insurance coverage, and upon their arrival in France, Georgia State students will also have to register with the French Social Security

10. Housing

The Host University may offer advice to exchange students regarding accommodations, but it is the responsibility of the students themselves to making living arrangements in the host country.

11. Employment

This agreement allows any type of employment of EM Strasbourg and/or Georgia State students in the host country, subject to applicable law. Students will follow appropriate steps to obtain authorization of employment and will follow regulations of their student visas and host university.

12. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Exchange students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Host University, and the laws and procedures of the state or province in which the institution is located. The Host University will assume no responsibility for a student's conduct or lack of compliance with any of the host country's laws. If a student voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before the end of the Exchange Program, the program will be considered completed by the Host University with respect to that student. No replacements will be sent to the Host University for students who do not complete the Exchange Program. Furthermore, each Host University reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the Program if the student's academic performance or personal misconduct warrants such action, provided, however, the Host University will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with the Home University before implementing such action. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate this Agreement, or arrangements regarding other students.

13. Research

To the extent allowable by law, the parties may engage in joint research, conference participation, publication of research results and other research-related activity. The parties understand and agree that certain research sponsors may limit participation on specific research projects in the host country. The parties further understand and agree to secure all Institutional and other required approvals prior to conducting research activities and to abide by all policies and procedures governing such activities.

If exchange students participate in research funded by a third-party sponsor, the parties agree that such research activities will abide by the terms of the sponsorship agreement. If exchange students receive third-party confidential information for research purposes that was provided under a written nondisclosure or confidential disclosure agreement, the parties agree that the exchange students will be bound by the confidentiality and nondisclosure terms of such agreement.

Students pledge to disclose any intellectual property developed as a result of joint research to both the Host and Home Institutions unless such disclosure is unlawful under the law of the Host Institution's country. If valuable intellectual property is created as a result of joint research, ownership of such intellectual property shall be determined in accordance with the law of inventorship or authorship of the country in which the research occurred and the Host Institution's policies. The parties agree that the Host Institution will evaluate the intellectual property, in consultation with the other party, to determine whether formal patent, copyright, or other protection is desirable.

14. Travel Advisory Policy

Georgia State's Travel Advisory Policy governs international travel by Georgia State students, faculty and staff and may affect the ability of Georgia State to participate in the Program. Travel must be approved by specified Georgia State administrators.

15. Modification, Termination, Renewal of Agreement

This Agreement may be modified, revised, or renewed but only upon the mutual consent of the parties in writing. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice submitted at least 90 days in advance of the next academic semester. Termination will not affect existing or approved students in the Exchange Program. Unless renewed by mutual written consent, this Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified academic term or year (as defined in Section 2 above).

In case of difficulties on the interpretation or execution of this Agreement, the parties shall attempt to resolve their dispute amicably.

16. Primary Contacts / Program Directors

The Primary Contacts/Program Directors will ensure that the terms of this Agreement are carried out. They will serve as the contact persons at each institution, ensure that necessary approvals are in place, and have administrative oversight of the program.

The primary contacts for the parties to this Agreement are the following:

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WHEREFORE the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its College of Arts and Sciences

Université de Strasbourg, EM Strasbourg Business School By delegation of the President of Université de Strasbourg

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Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

By: 
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Dean, EM Strasbourg Business School

Date: 7 Oct. 2019

Date: 09/09/2019